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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS - PANAMANIAN TEAM TO MEET PEREZ

1. ALL JUNE 28 MORNING PAPERS FEATURE A NATIONAL INFORMATION COMMISSION RELEASE ON NEGOTIATING SESSION ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF A NEW TREATY. THIS ALSO REPORTS THAT PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM WILL MEET WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT ANDRES PEREZ IN WASHINGTON.

2. RELEASE APPEARED FIRST IN TELEVISION NEWSCASTS EVENING OF JUNE 27 (FBIS/PANAMA PA 280056Y). PRESS VERSIONS DIFFER SLIGHTLY IN DETAIL, BUT NOT IN SUBSTANCE.

3. RELEASE NOTES THAT DIFFERENCES ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS APPEAR TO EXIST, SINCE US IS SAID TO MAINTAIN THAT CANAL TOLLS WILL BE ONLY SOURCE OF REVENUE, WHILE PANAMA ARGUES THAT OVERALL ECONOMIC VALUE TO US NATIONAL ECONOMY AND DEFENSE MUST BE CONSIDERED. FURTHER, RELEASE SAID, US SHOULD PAY FOR DEFENSE BASE RIGHTS UNDER NEW TREATY, AS IT DOES IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE IT HAS BASES.

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RM RELEASE ANNOUNCED THAT PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS ESCOBAR, AMBASSADOR LEWIS, AND ECONOMIC ADVISERS BARLETTA AND RIDRIGO GONZALEZ WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ THIS EVENING AT BLAIR HOUSE IN WASHINGTON AFTER PEREZ MEETS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

5. EXCEPT FOR THIS RELEASE, THERE WAS NO DIRECT COVERAGE OR

COMMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS EXCEPT FOR A UPI STORY IN "MATUTINO" ON
AMBASSADOR LINOWITZ' REMARKS TO COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS.
PRESS PLAY WAS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE, HOWEVER, ON YESTERDAY'S
STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EMBASSY (PANAMA
4610), AND STRESSED THE "BASES NO" AND "NO COMBINED DEFENSE"
THEMES OF THE DEMONSTRATORS.
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